

**DECISION**



**THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL  
OF THE UNITED STATES  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20548**

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**FILE: B-215296**

**DATE: June 11, 1984**

**MATTER OF: Ramset Fastening Systems, Olin Corporation**

**DIGEST:**

Protest challenging allegedly restrictive specification in request for proposals will not be considered where the protest was filed after the closing date for receipt of proposals contrary to GAO Bid Protest Procedures.

Ramset Fastening Systems, Olin Corporation protests the rejection of its offer under Item 4 of request for proposals (RFP) No. MPN-MSG1855-E-N2, a solicitation for powder actuated tools issued by the Office of Federal Supply & Services, General Services Administration. We dismiss the protest.

Ramset complains that the RFP's specification is unduly restrictive in that it requires a .27 caliber tool and thus effectively eliminates competition because it is "drawn so narrowly" that only one firm can compete.

Ramset's protest concerns an alleged impropriety in the solicitation that was apparent from the face of the solicitation. Under our Bid Protest Procedures, 4 C.F.R. § 21.2(b)(1) (1984), such protests must be filed prior to the closing date for receipt of proposals. Here, the closing date for receipt of proposals was April 14, 1984; however, Ramset did not file its protest until May 14. Consequently, Ramset's protest is untimely and will not be considered.

The protest is dismissed.

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